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Applicant:	Lee A. CORE	Confirmation No.:	7324
Application No.:	10/682,184	Art Unit:	3763
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Title:	HEMOSTASIS VALVE		

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 15, 2006 (Paper No. 06092006), applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-8 for continued examination, with traverse.

No fees are believed due with this submission, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to the Deposit Account 08-0219.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a gland, and
- II. Claims 9-12, drawn to a method of manufacturing a hemostatic valve gland.

The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in a single application (37 CFR 1.142(a)). In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different classes, the inventions are not independent.

If the Examiner is aware of another method to make the product as claimed, using a process which is materially different from that set forth in the restricted claims, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to substantiate his position in greater detail. Otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that each of claims 1-12 presently pending in this application be examined.

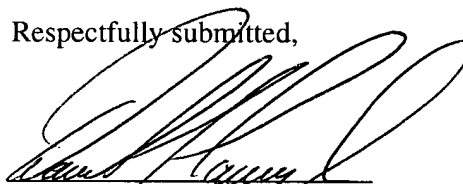
The Examiner has required an election of species between Figures 2, 2a, 3 and 4. The applicant elects with traverse the species disclosed in Figure 2. The Examiner has indicated that no claim is generic. The applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider, claim 1 is drafted to be generic to all the figures described. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Claims 1-8 be examined. As required by the Examiner, the Applicant identifies claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 read on the elected species.

Examination and allowance is respectfully requested.

Dated: _____

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